

**Strategic Priority: Ho‘ona‘auao (Education)**

**Strategic Indicator Result** — Increase the number of Native Hawaiian students who earn post-secondary degrees or certificates in the UH-system by 12% by 2018.

**BACKGROUND.** The University of Hawai‘i (UH) system is comprised of three universities, seven community colleges and nine education centers on six islands. Native Hawaiian students accounted for 24.2% of the total enrollment in the UH System in Fall 2012 (UH, 2013).

To evaluate progress on this strategic indicator the *number of degrees and certificates earned* by Native Hawaiian students was substituted for the *number* of Native Hawaiian students who earned a post-secondary degree or certificate. The baseline measure for this indicator is 1,209, the number of degrees and certificates earned by Native Hawaiians in FY2009. A 12% increase is equivalent to 1,354 degrees earned. Table 1 depicts number of degrees earned, while Figure 1 depicts the increase compared to the FY2009 baseline number of 1,209.

Table 1. Number of Degrees and Certificates Earned by Native Hawaiian and All Students in the UH System (FY2009-FY2013)

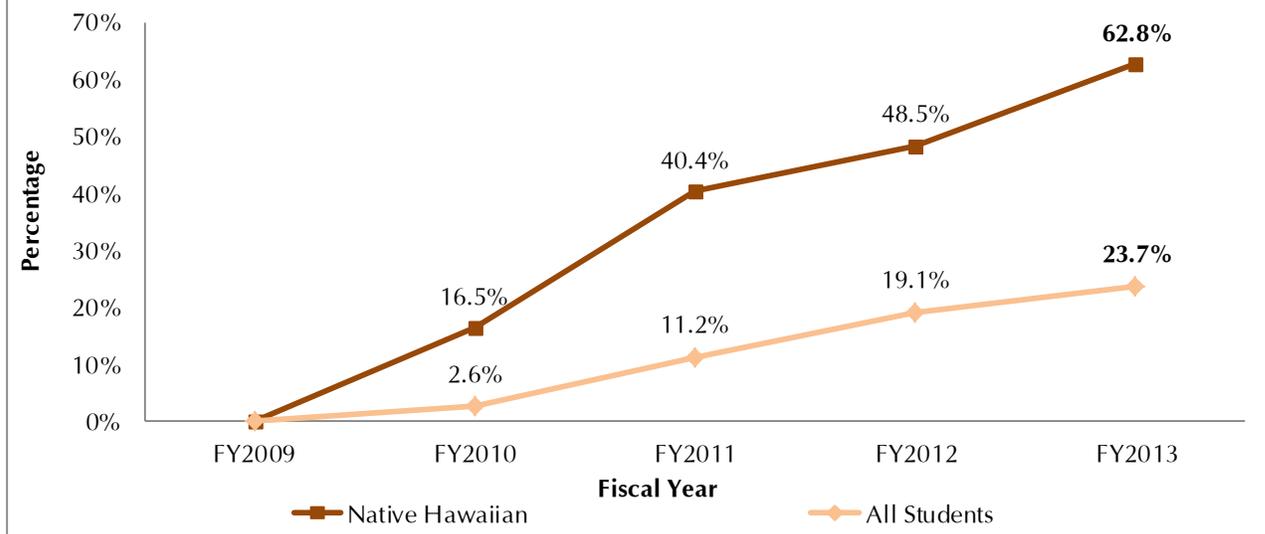
Fiscal Year	Native Hawaiian	All Students
2009	1,209	8,084
2010	1,408	8,291
2011	1,698	8,988
2012	1,795	9,628
2013	1,968	10,001

**SOURCE.** UH IRO, 2013.

**FINDINGS**

- **FY2013.** Degrees earned by Native Hawaiian students accounted for 1,968, a 62.8% cumulative increase over the FY2009 baseline.
- **FY2010-FY2013.** Native Hawaiians earned a total of 9,291 degrees and certificates between FY2010-FY2013.

**Figure 1.** Cumulative Increase in UH System Degrees and Certificates Earned: Native Hawaiian and All Students (FY2009-FY2013)



**SOURCE.** UH IRO, 2013.

**TERMS.**

**Associate Degree (AA):** A degree awarded after a two-year period of study; it can be either terminal or transfer (the first two years of a bachelor's degree) (U.S. Department of State, n.d.).

**Bachelor's Degree:** A degree awarded upon completion of approximately four years of full-time study (U.S. Department of State, n.d.).

**Community College (CC):** A post-secondary institution that offers associate degree programs, as well as technical and vocational programs (U.S. Department of State, n.d.).

**Doctorate:** The highest academic degree conferred by a university to students who have completed graduate study beyond the bachelor's and/or master's degree (U.S. Department of State, n.d.).

**Education Center:** Community center where students can take classes through the internet, video or cable TV technology to work toward their degree or continue their education (UH, 2012).

**Master's Degree:** Degree awarded upon completion of academic requirements that usually include a minimum of one year's study beyond the bachelor's degree (U.S. Department of State, n.d.).

**Native Hawaiian:** Hawaiian Ancestry determined by the sum of students who self-reported Hawaiian ancestry on the UH System Application form and those who either did not answer the ancestry question or answered in the negative but who indicated Hawaiian ethnicity (UH, 2013a). In 2013, the UH Institutional Research and Analysis Office (IRO) changed their reporting design to include the ancestry question. They have updated previous reports to reflect this change.

**Post-secondary (Higher) Education:** Any adult education school, business school, trade school, community college, college or university enrolling or registering students above the age of compulsory school attendance (Hawai'i Revised Statutes §11-157-2).

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